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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Though there is almost a consensus of opinion that higher education should be imparted in the regional languages, the real difficulty arises in its actual application. It is found extremely difficult to teach technical and scientific subjects in the regional languages. While we appreciate the Government's stand in the matter, may I know what steps they have taken or proposed to take to overcome these difficulties and shortcomings?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The first thing is to standardize technical terms, particularly, scientific terms. That is being done now. That is under preparation. Books also will have to be brought out in the various regional languages. So far as the technical subjects are concerned, attempts are being made to bring out books in the regional languages, particularly in Tamil. We are thus taking steps in that direction. I do agree with the hon. Member that unless sufficient preparation is made, it will be difficult. If we take a hasty step without sufficient preparation in the matter, we may perhaps find ourselves in great difficulty. That is why, the Government are taking necessary steps to see that the regional language, when introduced as the medium of instruction, will not create difficulties.

Construction of Government theatres in the State

* 45 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Sangeet Natak Academy during the Drama Seminar held in April 1956, regarding the construction of theatres in the State by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: On the basis of the resolution received from the Sangeet Natak Academy, will the Government be prepared to construct theatres in each district so that many cultural activities could be organized in proper surroundings?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It is only a question of priorities as to whether we should first take up the construction of theatres or attend to the urgent needs of the people of the State. I do agree that these are all necessary. But, we will have to have a sense of proportion in taking up these things.

Investigation of mineral deposits

* 46 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any investigation about the availability of—

(1) Uranium,